

Sadat calls Begin remarks embarrassing

Official Egyptian and Israeli sources last night denied a Cairo newspaper report yesterday that said Egypt has asked that the opening session of the West Bank and Gaza Strip autonomy negotiations be shifted from Beerseba to El-Arish and delayed from Friday until Sunday.

Borders open next week, Begin says

Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday that he and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will announce the opening of the borders between Israel and Egypt when the two meet in El-Arish next Sunday.

Open rift, economy make gov't anxious

By DAVID LANDAU Post Military Correspondent The open rift between Premier Begin and Defence Minister Weizman over Israel's autonomy proposals, coinciding with the current nadir in the economy, has aroused unprecedented anxiety in government circles while injecting new bite and buoyancy into the Labour opposition.

In upcoming autonomy negotiations: Weizman: Must avoid mistakes of peace talks

By HIRSH GOODMAN Post Military Correspondent Defence Minister Ezer Weizman is determined not to allow the tactical mistakes made by Israel in the 16 months of peace talks with Egypt to repeat themselves during the autonomy negotiations, according to the minister's close associates.

Begin to introduce Sadat to Navon in Beersheba

Jerusalem Post Staff President Yitzhak Navon will greet President Sadat at the municipality building in Beersheba, Prime Minister Menachem Begin said yesterday.

El-Arish closed to Israeli civilians from today

Jerusalem Post Staff The joint Israel-Egypt committees will return to its meetings in El-Arish tomorrow to put its final stamp of approval on arrangements for the return of the northern Sinai town to Egyptian sovereignty on Friday.

Israeli commandos destroy terrorist base in night raid

Jerusalem Post Staff Israeli commando units attacked and destroyed a Palestinian terrorist base north of Tyre early Friday morning, the army spokesman announced.

Ehrlich's economic scheme faces tough obstacles in cabinet today

By SHLOMO MAOZ Post Economic Reporter The cabinet is scheduled to meet today to approve Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich's "break inflation" and five-year economic plans.

Neot Sinai rejects order to abandon fields

NEOT SINAI (Ithim). — The secretary of this settlement in the Negev area refused on Friday to accept a military order closing their 2,000 dunams of vegetables as of Wednesday.

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Militant Arabs defy Iranians

TEHERAN. — Arab militiamen demanding autonomy for Iran's strategic oil-rich southern region yesterday rejected a government order to surrender their weapons.

...but approval expected

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Adpt awards Eilts highest award

EB (UPT). — Egyptian President Sadat yesterday awarded Eilts the Grand Cordon of the Order of the Nile, the nation's third highest award, for "exceptional services to Egypt."

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Israel and Egyptian officers talk at a small army base on the outskirts of El-Arish which is ready for handover to Egypt. (Mike Goldberg)

Advertisement for 'Tourists! LEATHER ONLY! TAX FREE 25% REDUCTION' at 'Hilton Jerusalem' featuring 'Schneidman' women's and men's suede and leather wear.

Advertisement for 'Lubrication, Car Wash, Puncture Repairs Station' located in Nahariya, offering services to regular customers.

Advertisement for 'GOOD NEWS FOR TOURISTS' from 'BANK HAPOLIM ISRAEL DISCOUNT BANK' and 'BARCLAYS DISCOUNT BANK', offering bank services to tourists.

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HOME NEWS

Broadcast directors back Lapid's stand

Jerusalem Post Staff
Broadcasting Authority chairman Reuven Yaron, in a meeting with TV director Arnon Zuckerman and the host of 'Almost Midnight,' Yitzhak Roeh, said that the authority's board of directors 'fully back (authority director-general Yosef) Lapid, who wants an independent authority and a policy of estate broadcasting 'that is loyal to the state.'

Authority board members Daniel Bloch (Labour) and Nissim Almog asked Hammer to overturn the Lapid decision 'for the way it was done, and not why it was done,' an Education Ministry statement claimed one of the participants said at a meeting on Friday. Lapid was present at the meeting.

Histadrut acts to avert 3-day city workers' strike

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut intends to launch an intensive effort to avert the threatened strike of 50,000 local authority employees later this week. The workers have warned that they will open a three-day warning strike on Wednesday if their wage demands are not met by then.

comparable jobs. The Clerks Union, which represents the 50,000 workers, said that this week's warning strike would be followed by an indefinite strike beginning June 3 if all demands still had not been met by then.

Drobless holds anti-Weitz press meeting: Two new army outposts set for Gaza Strip next month

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The army will establish two outpost-settlements next month in the northern sector of the Gaza Strip, Matityahu Drobless, co-chairman of the World Zionist Organization Settlement Department, said on Friday. The outposts, south of the road from the Erez checkpoint to the sea, will eventually become full-fledged civilian settlements, he told The Jerusalem Post.

what he is talking about, has no understanding of settlement and still less of politics.
Fortunately Weitz (Labour), in his day-to-day activities, assiduously helps develop the settlements throughout Judea and Samaria, 'forgetting what he says publicly... that's why our relations are good,' Drobless said.

600 hold rally for Hebron squatters

By IAN BLACK
Jerusalem Post Reporter
Some 600 residents of Kiryat Arna held a demonstration yesterday in solidarity with the women and children occupying the old Hadassah Hospital building in Hebron since April 25.

planning to discuss the matter, let alone carry out an evacuation. Observers note that this would bring Prime Minister Menachem Begin into an open clash with Gush Emunim and its supporters in the government.

Open rift

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mittie when Weizman claimed that he was representing the army's view and Begin retorted: 'You do not speak for the army!'
Weizman replied that it was he who was expected to take the blame when the army was under fire (a reference to the searing report by the State Comptroller's report on the Litani Operation).

Foreign Minister Dayan and Deputy Premier Yadin were less sweeping (and much less sharp) in their criticism of several points in the Premier's proposal. But they, too, were openly uncomfortable with the sections providing for Israeli control over public and unutilized lands on the West Bank, and this issue will be resolved by the full cabinet when it meets tomorrow to consider this autonomy plan.



Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel presents Nairobi Mayor Andrew Ngumba with a copy of an album of photographs depicting the port city's history during a meeting the two had on Friday. (Tauber, IPPA)

Begin calls on Hussein to meet him for peace talks

Jerusalem Post Staff
and Agencies
Prime Minister Menachem Begin, speaking on the army radio station yesterday, called on Jordan's King Hussein to meet with him for peace talks. But Jordan promptly turned down the invitation.

peace, but added: 'In diplomacy you must cast your bread upon the waters and one day it will return.'
In Amman, the Jordanian government yesterday rejected Begin's call.

BORDERS TO BE OPEN

(Continued from page one)
joint Israel-Egypt committees in the deliberations of the autonomy arrangements,' Begin told his questioners during the morning interview.

to speak in terms of deterioration.
'There are problems sometimes and we overcome them...there's relative quiet in Judea and Samaria,' the premier said.

U.S. autonomy talks envoy advances visit to Mideast

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent
WASHINGTON. — The new U.S. ambassador for Middle East negotiations, Robert Straus, says he has decided to accelerate his own personal involvement in the coming round of talks because of 'some negative trends,' including the sharp Arab hostility to the peace treaty, the continuation of new Israeli settlements in the territories, and the escalation in terrorism.

ceding that his earlier experience in Middle East matters had been limited.
Straus was not disturbed by reports of the hardline Israeli and Egyptian opening proposals, explaining that 'extreme' views are to be expected at the start of any negotiations. But he also expected both sides to move extremely during the coming weeks and months in modifying their positions so that an agreement can be reached.

Weizman backs moving part of defence plant to Negev

By ALAN ELSNER
Jerusalem Post Reporter
RAMAT HASHARON. — Defence Minister Ezer Weizman said on Friday that he intends to stand by his commitment to remove all explosive material from the Military Industries plant here, where an explosion on May 10 killed one and injured at least 20 persons.

to discuss shifting the plant to the Negev. A member of the subcommittee, Yosef Tamir (Likud), told The Post yesterday that he and his colleagues considered it 'impracticable' to transfer the plant. He listed three reasons: difficulty of finding a suitable site, the 'gigantic sums of money' involved in transferring the plant, and finding manpower in the Negev to provide a work force.

Cabinet expected to approve 24 foreign service positions

by DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent
The cabinet is expected to approve today the list of 24 new appointments in the foreign service which was held over at Premier Menachem Begin's request from last Sunday's meeting.

take up the Paris appointment, and Begin has now agreed that he need stay here only through the first few months of the talks (which are due to begin this Friday).

Newspaper vender found bound, gagged and dead

By YOHAM BAE
Jerusalem Post Reporter
TEL AVIV. — The body of Avraham Kleiman, a reclusive newspaper vender, was found Friday morning in the back of an old truck at the 'Peva' garage, near the Meteorological Service.

such leaders as Ben-Gurion and Levy Eshkol, the workers said.
They also said Kleiman had told them his father owned a butchery in the Carmel Market and gave him 100,000 sheqels 'back' week.

Prof. Dr. ABRAHAM HOCHMAN

The funeral will take place tomorrow, Monday, May 21, 1979, leaving the Sanhedriya funeral parlour, Jerusalem, at 3 p.m. Please refrain from condolence visits. The Family

PHEA BEN-ELI (KAHN)

The funeral will take place today, Sunday, May 20, 1979, at 2 p.m., at the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. Mourners will gather at the cemetery gate. Hertha Meisel, U.S. Ida and Hermann Stein, Israel Nieces and nephews

MUSIA BERKOVITZ (WINIK)

The funeral will leave at 11 a.m. today, Sunday, May 20, 1979, from the Municipal Funeral Parlour, 5 Rehov Daphna, Tel Aviv for the Kiryat Shaul cemetery. A bus will be available for those wishing to attend. Her many friends in Israel and South Africa

THIS WEEK
Lotto Draw 21/79
Minimum total prize fund IL3,500,000
Minimum first prize IL1,000,000
TOMORROW is the last day for handing in Lotto entries. The draw will be on Tuesday, May 22 at 12 noon. The public is invited. (Mita) Hapayit supports educational and health projects.

The Weather at Main
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BRUSSELS 10 50 19 60 Cloudy
BUENOS AIRES 14 57 21 70 Rain
CHICAGO 14 57 21 70 Cloudy
COPENHAGEN 9 48 15 59 Cloudy
FRANKFURT 15 54 18 64 Rain
GENEVA 10 50 19 60 Cloudy
MILAN 11 52 17 63 Cloudy
PARIS 10 50 19 60 Cloudy
ROME 15 59 22 72 Cloudy
STOCKHOLM 15 54 18 64 Rain
TORONTO 9 48 15 59 Cloudy
VANCOUVER 7 44 11 52 Rain
ZURICH 10 50 19 60 Cloudy

THE WEATHER
Forecast: Partly cloudy, possible morning rain in the north.
Yesterday's Humidity Yesterday's Min-Max Today's Max
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Golan 64 13-22 22
Nahariya 60 15-23 23
Safed 59 13-22 23
Haifa Port 72 18-25 28
Tiberias 14 17-26 29
Nazareth 56 13-24 24
Afula 52 15-23 23
Sharon 60 15-23 24
Tel Aviv 61 19-24 22
B-G Airport 59 19-30 36
Jericho 28 22-33 38
Caza 78 19-22 22
Beersheba 41 13-26 27
Eilat 19 23-34 34
Tran Straits 40 24-32 32

SOCIAL & PERSONAL
A lecture by Prof. Shlomo Breznitz will inaugurate the Lady Davis Chair in Applied Research of Psychological Stress at Haifa University, today at 2:30 p.m., room 715.

ARRIVALS
Joseph Schwartz of Boston, chairman, board of directors, Cargill Ltd., accompanied by Mrs. Schwartz.

Mr. & Mrs. S. Wiljer, from Holland, for the Annual Meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University.

Robert Hecht, president of the American Friends of Tel Aviv University, for the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University.

Mrs. and Mr. F. Lesang, from the U.S., the chairman of the Swissland Friends of Tel Aviv University, Mr. F. Brunschwig, and his wife; Prof. W.N. Nierenberg from the U.S.; Prof. and Mrs. Segre, from the U.S.; the chairman of the British Friends of Tel Aviv University, Mr. S. Young, and his wife — for the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Annibaldi from the U.S., for the inauguration of the Mortimer and Raymond Becker Institute for Advanced Studies; Lady Cohen of Great Britain, for the inauguration of the Sir John and Lady Cohen Wing for Cancer Research, and for the annual meeting of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University.

To AVRAM PERLMUTT
Our dear father and grandfather
Many Happy Returns
On your 80th birthday
Your Children and Grandchildren



# Ehrlich: Peace added 20% to inflation rate

By SRAYA SHAPIRO  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — One of the prices of peace was an extra 20 per cent hike in the inflation rate, according to Finance Minister Simcha Ehrlich. But "peace and security" have top priority in fiscal planning, superseding even social welfare and development, he said.

Ehrlich spoke on Friday at the Hilton Hotel to a group of businessmen and industrialists convened by the all-but-defunct "Herut Economic Club," a forum revived by Herut Executive chairman Abraham Shechterman. Marking solidarity with the finance minister, Prime Minister Menahem Begin was present at the luncheon which reportedly cost IL250 a plate.

Ehrlich called on "those who cherish democracy" to support the Begin government wholeheartedly. The government, Ehrlich said, should have cut inflation drastically by imposing economic restraint, which would create unemployment — as the late finance minister Pinhas Sapir tried before the Six Day War. However, the government was "pledged to a full-employment policy."

Ehrlich said "no" to a suggestion by an anonymous participant to increase export incentives.

One of the present causes of inflation, Ehrlich said, is that investments have been doubled. Investments from abroad resumed during the past year, and investment in industry increased by 15 per cent. Investment has an inflationary effect for a number of years, until it starts to show returns.

Security expenses absorbed directly on the peace treaty with Egypt top \$200b., also an inflationary factor, the minister said. "Israel will have to muster IL30b. from its own resources in addition to what the Americans supply to cover the expense of redeployment of its forces in the Negev," Ehrlich added.

The housing shortage, Ehrlich estimated, would be over in about three years. There will be 300,000 new flats ready within five years. Ehrlich said he favors the sale of available state lands for housing.



Teachers from South Lebanon dance with Upan Akiva students in Netanya on Friday. The 23 teachers were invited to Netanya for a two-day visit under the slogan "Peace Begins at Home," and were taken to visit a kibbutz and educational institutions. (I.P.P.A.)

## Price rises announced for tires, chocolate

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The Public Committee on Prices approved last week a rise of 9 per cent for tires and cocoa, effective today. Also increasing are standard copybooks, by 28 per cent; semi-sweet chocolate, 18 per cent; milk chocolate, 10 per cent; Tadiran light bulbs, 16 per cent; and dry cell batteries, 15 per cent. A family-size, plastic-coated Tempo soft drink bottle will now cost IL7.80, up half a pound.

## Tel Aviv demolition orders gather dust as authorities argue who should do it

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The municipality and the Interior Ministry are engaged in mutual accusations while thousands of court orders to demolish illegal buildings in the city are gathering dust. The city cannot carry out the orders on its own, municipal sources told *The Jerusalem Post*, because an understaffed police force cannot prevent violence when the bulldozers go to work.

The municipality asked for the Interior Ministry's aid in implementing demolition orders after threats and disturbances by groups of illegal building owners hindered the city's demolition plans. But the Interior Ministry rejected the municipality's request. An official source in the ministry told *The Post* last week that the municipality's demands are "absurd."

Interior Ministry spokesman Yehzekel Lavi told *The Jerusalem Post* that, instead of attacking the ministry, the municipality should act to curb illegal building within its boundaries as the law specifies it should. "What kind of aid do they

want? The bulldozer to demolish the buildings should be driven by Tel Aviv Municipality," Lavi said.

But *The Post* has learned that the municipality is unable to overcome a rising tide of illegal building because to prevent the demolishers from the violence of often well-organized residents whose homes, and businesses are being torn down, large police forces are necessary. But due to a police manpower shortage regular demolitions are impossible, municipal sources told *The Post*.

Meanwhile the amount of illegal building in Tel Aviv is increasing daily, especially in slum quarters such as Kiryat Shalom, Hadar, Yosef and Kiryat Shalom, the manager of the city's municipal emergency services told *The Post*. Shalom Harari, said most cases of illegal building consist of closing in a balcony or adding a room onto small flats. But much more severe, in the municipality's view, is building for business purposes or building on municipal land with the intention of squeezing compensation funds out of the municipality, he said.

Harari told *The Post* that the municipality submits some 80 legal suits a month against citizens who have built illegally.

"There are about 10,000 illegal buildings and parts of buildings in Tel Aviv that we know of. There is no way to stop them. They are getting more numerous every day. If you ask me, we're fighting a losing battle," Harari said.

## Cairo hosts U.S. arms team

CAIRO (Reuters). — A U.S. military delegation arrives in Cairo today for talks with Egyptian defence officials on arms sales to this country, an American embassy spokesman said yesterday.

The spokesman said the talks were part of a series of meetings between Egypt and the U.S. on how Egypt would spend the \$1.5b. it has been granted in military credits by Washington.

He said he had no knowledge that any formal arms deal would be signed during the visit.

The spokesman was commenting on a report in yesterday's semi-official Cairo newspaper "Al-Ahram" that the delegation was coming to complete a \$1.5b. arms deal. It would include Phantom jet fighters, air defence missiles, naval units, electronic equipment and armoured troop carriers. The spokesman said he had no details on what type of arms the two sides would be discussing.

The \$1.5b. military credit is part of a \$4.5b. package for Egypt and Israel approved by the Senate to bolster their new peace treaty.

When the arrangements for the deal are complete, it will be the first substantial U.S. contribution to rebuilding Egypt's armed forces, mainly equipped with Soviet-made weapons.

## Shawwa: PLO state too small for all

BEIRUT (AP). — Gaza Mayor Rashad Shawwa proposes that some Palestinian refugees in Arab countries continue to live there after a Palestinian state is set up.

Shawwa made his remarks in an interview published Friday by the leftist Beirut daily "Al-Lwa."

"Let's be practical," Shawwa said. "There are about a million Palestinians living outside their homeland. Logically, could all of these Palestinians live in a small part of Palestine if an independent state were established on it?" he asked. "It is impossible."

"What we want now is an independent Palestinian state with its own flag and its own passport. So if I were a refugee with a Palestinian passport living in Lebanon, you could treat me like a foreign resident," he explained.

"The Arab states must shoulder part of the burden by accepting some of the Palestinians as communities, and the rest will return to Palestine," Shawwa declared.

Shawwa, who recently declared his support for the Palestine Liberation Organization, did not say where he wants the Palestinian state to be.

## Israel urged to adopt U.S. automobile safety standards

By YITZHAK OKED  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Many road accident victims' lives could be saved if Israel adopted the motor vehicles standards of the U.S. — instead of the present European safety requirements.

According to Dr. Jerry Westin, medical adviser to the independent consumer organization, Consumer Shield, the Americans are at least 10 years ahead of the Europeans in their safety standards. He also said that the Europeans adopt U.S. standards, and have not come out with any original safety requirements of their own.

According to studies made by Consumer Shield, at least 800 lives could have been saved in the past decade if Israel had adopted the American safety standards.

At a press conference here last week he showed films, slides and statistical data proving how these safety standards had cut down on the number of fatal road accidents in the U.S. Safety features required by the U.S. include side door guard heads, head restraints to prevent whiplash and back seat safety belts. He pointed out that it would not be a problem for Israel to import or receive European, Japanese or American automobile manufactured according to American standards.

Dr. Westin said that despite a large number of memos the organization has sent to the Ministry of Transport, no results have been forthcoming. "When I talk to the officials of the Ministry of Transport over the phone they are very sympathetic, but no action is taken."

Dr. Westin and his group are meeting next month with Transport Minister Haim Landau, and hope to persuade him to adopt American safety standards.

In reaction to Dr. Westin's charges, the Transport Ministry spokesman said Friday that its auto safety standards are determined by a professional panel of engineers and transportation experts. The spokesman said the panel's objective was to raise the standards of safety requirements protecting Israeli drivers in accordance with those adopted by the world's most developed countries.

## TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET REVIEW Index hike fluctuations make linked bonds profitable

By ALAN ELSNER  
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — A degree of "sanity" returned to the stock market on Thursday after a week that saw violent fluctuations in shares and index-linked bonds as a result of the announcement of the 6.7 per cent rise in the April Consumer Price Index.

The news of the price index arrived on Tuesday but the market had braided itself for the shock several days before. Trading in index-linked bonds was sluggish for some days, and on Monday turnover dropped to the extremely low level of IL28.6m. In the days before the announcement of the price index, traders showed a marked preference for shares, which for some days had been in a rising trend, especially in the insurance, mortgage banks and industrial sectors.

But like the rest of the country, the market was shocked by the 8.7 figure when the news was made public. Traders were expecting a rise of no more than 7.5 per cent and some predictions spoke of "only" a 5 per cent hike.

News of the figure began spreading through the stock exchange early on Tuesday morning and traders reacted by immediately taking their money out of equities and putting it into index-linked bonds. Tuesday saw trading turnover at an unusually high level, with IL73.6m. being traded in bonds and IL66.6m. in stocks.

On Wednesday, the trend for bonds to improve — often by as much as 3 per cent — and for shares to plummet was confirmed. The one factor in the equities market to hold out against the general decline was commercial banks. In this sector, a generally steady picture, with a tendency for shares to drift upwards, emerged. Elsewhere, losses were often quite severe, with mortgage banks, specialized financial institutions, insurance, land, building and development, and industrial especially badly hit.

However, the last day of trading last week saw what might turn out to be the beginning of a market turn. Bonds continued to make progress, but at a reduced speed, while stocks steadied and, in some sectors recovered much of the lost ground. Whether this trend will be confirmed when the market opens this morning still remains to be seen. If so, it would mean a return to the general pattern of the days leading up to May 15, with trading in bonds characterized by widespread indifference and apathy, and shares looking like a healthier prospect with gains being recorded in most sectors.

## WALL STREET WEEK Bad news is good news for stock market investors

NEW YORK (AP). — A touch of masochism has apparently crept into the psychology of the stock market lately. The worse the economic news gets in the U.S., the more investors seem to like it.

Symptoms of this condition were very much in evidence last week. The government reported declines in industrial production and housing starts, and personal income grew by a skimpy 0.6 per cent in April, lagging well behind inflation.

But the stock market's response to all this was a spirited rally, producing its first gain in six weeks.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials rose 11.35 to 841.81, rebounding from a 45-point drop over the five preceding weeks.

The New York Stock Exchange composite index climbed 0.76 to 56.26, and the American Stock Exchange market value index was 3.69 at 180.10.

Big Board volume averaged 26.88 million shares a day, against 26.02 million the week before.

The widely accepted explanation for the market's seemingly perverse behaviour lies in the outlook for inflation and interest rates. An economic slowdown would increase unemployment and hurt corporate earnings, analysts note, but presumably it would also reduce inflationary pressures and lead to lower interest rates.

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## 58% of construction workers are Arabs

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Only 30,000 of the country's 72,000 construction workers are Jews, Shraga Friedman, head of Solel Boneh, said on Friday.

Speaking to the Tel Aviv Engineers' Club, he reported that another 30,000 are Arabs from the territories, and the rest are Israeli Arabs. Friedman called for less reliance on Arab workers in the sector, and said that modernization and mechanization could make that possible.

This director of the Histadrut-owned firm also said that Solel Boneh will apparently build one of the new Negev airbases. The price for the other two, he claimed, would be 40 per cent lower if they were not being built by Americans.

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## Anti-Zionism sparks exodus of Iran Jews

TEHERAN. — Iranian Jews are leaving the newly declared Islamic public, fearful that anti-Zionist statements may lead to a wave of repression.

Jewish sources here said about 15,000 of the country's 80,000 Jews have left in the last six months, joining friends and relatives in Europe, Israel and the U.S. The sources said thousands more Jews are preparing to obtain passports to emigrate.

An eries of "Free Jerusalem from the Jewish occupiers" eboee through the capital following the Islamic revolution in February, many Jews became concerned. There is a feeling that worse times are ahead for this one-vibrant Jewish community, despite a long history of tolerance toward Jews by Moslem regimes of past centuries.

The majority of Iranian Jews are merchants; some run foreign exchange establishments in Teheran. Their general uneasiness grew worse after a leader of their community, millionaire Jeweb industrialist Habbib Elghanian, was executed on May 9 by an Islamic revolutionary firing squad.

A Beirut weekly yesterday reported that evidence collected by the shah's former secret service was used against Elghanian at the trial. "A-Nahar International" said that the SAVAK files included information about Elghanian's land purchases in Israel, meetings with Moshe Dayan and Abba Eban, large donations, and alleged statements about his attachment to Israel.

Jewish sources said 10 other Jews are known to be among the several thousand prisoners of the Islamic regime. Israel Radio said some 100 Jews are held in prisons in various parts of Iran. Western diplomats were unable to confirm the number. (AP,UPI)

SOLVED. — The arrest of a 22-year-old man in Migdal Ha'emek on Thursday has apparently solved the case of a rash of school break-ins in the town. The man, who had not have a criminal record, confessed to 15 recent incidents of theft in the town's schools, police said.

INDUSTRIOUS. — A new industrial park will be built in Afula soon. Investors have flocked to the city of late, Itim reports, following a recent government decision to make the town a high-priority development area, which means special breaks for investors.

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# Major alert in Brussels after bloodbath threat

BRUSSELS. — Heavily armed troops and police yesterday guarded nuclear plants, embassies, government buildings and the capital's international airport after anonymous callers threatened a bloodbath if two detained Palestinians were not released.

The army, backed up by the police, moved in on Friday after Belgian authorities received three threatening calls demanding the release of the two men arrested after the grenade attack on Zaventem Airport on April 19 in which 12 Belgians were injured. Passengers arriving on an El Al flight from Israel were believed to be the men's planned target, but no Israelis were injured in the attack.

A Belgian police spokesman said the callers did not claim to belong to any particular organization and he refused to specify their nationality. Pressed to say whether they appeared to be Arabs, however, the spokesman said "that's quite possible."

A communique sent to a French news agency in Paris earlier this month said the Palestinian "Black September" group demanded the release of the two men, identified at the time of the attack as Khaled Dayekh Dokh and Hussein Rad Mahmoud.

Informed sources said Belgium had tightened security following reports that well-known Palestinian activists had been sighted in the country.

The government and the police refused to give further details on the nature of the threat. The investigation of the airport attack is also being kept secret.

Hundreds of troops and police swooped on Zaventem Airport, 10 km. from Brussels, just after noon on Friday. Non-essential personnel were evacuated, but the restrictions were eased after four hours.

However, security forces continued to patrol the airport, and government buildings and embassies were also under guard.

Thirty soldiers in jeeps, trucks and an armoured vehicle are guarding a nuclear plant at Tihange, on the Meuse River, 80 km. southeast of here, Defence Ministry sources said. Prime Minister Wilfried Martens said nuclear plants would from now on be protected by army units.

The two men were arrested after the airport attack on Easter Monday, in which the Belgians were injured by a grenade thrown in the transit hall, soon after the El Al flight from Israel landed. (Reuter, AP)



Police watch over arriving passengers at Zaventem Airport outside Brussels after anonymous calls warned of a Palestinian terrorist attack if the Belgian government did not release two Palestinians arrested last month for a grenade attack at the airport. (UPI telephoto)

# Soviet naval presence near Saudi Arabia worries U.S.

WASHINGTON (UPI). — A Soviet aircraft carrier and a new kind of amphibious warfare ship are off the Arabian peninsula in one of several developments the U.S. Navy feels could lead to a new era of naval power politics.

The new carrier *Minsk* and the amphibious ship *Ivan Rogov* are anchored at the South Yemen island of Socotra, 320 km. off the Arabian coast, on their first visit to strategic waters near the entrances of the Red Sea and Persian Gulf.

They have been watched by planes from the aircraft carrier *Midway*, which is heading a U.S. task force that passed within several hundred kilometers of the island in the past two days.

Middle East trouble, starting last fall with the riots that ousted the Shah of Iran and continuing with Soviet-backed fighting in North and South Yemen, caused the U.S. to beef up its Indian Ocean forces. The *Midway's* cruise — reducing the aircraft carrier force of the Pacific fleet to one from the usual two — has now carried continuous U.S. naval presence there past the six-month mark, the longest ever.

In another example of U.S. concern, Admiral Alfred Whittle, the commander of the U.S. naval material command, conferred in Kuwait yesterday with Defence Minister Saleem al-Sabah and the chief of staff of Kuwait's armed forces, General Mubarak al-Sabah. They discussed security assistance programmes sponsored by the U.S., Defence Ministry officials said. The talks also covered supplying Kuwait with spare parts for American weapons used by the Kuwaiti army, the officials added.

Police seized 28 pieces of ammunition, including bullets and tracers, and 31 assembled rifles and pistols in the recent raids.

# \$10.5m. awarded in U.S. nuclear contamination case

OKLAHOMA CITY. — A U.S. federal court jury on Friday awarded the Kerr Silkwood estate \$10.5m. after finding the Kerr-McGee Corporation guilty of negligence in the plutonium contamination of the woman at its nuclear processing plant.

The jury awarded \$505,000 in damages and \$10m. in punitive damages to Silkwood's three children. At least part of the money will be used by her estate to finance more litigation against Kerr-McGee, challenging two conspiracy charges which were dismissed.

The firm also plans to appeal, in an effort to set aside this judgment entirely, said its chief counsel.

Silkwood worked as a lab technician at the firm's Crescent, Oklahoma, plant. She was 28 when she died in a November 13, 1974, car crash. The week after being hospitalized, Kerr-McGee attempted to prove she accidentally contaminated herself with plutonium she stole from its plant.

The night she was killed, Silkwood was en route to meet a "New York Times" reporter and an Atomic Workers Union official to deliver alleged documentation of her claims that Kerr-McGee was hiding serious defects in its nuclear fuel rods by falsifying quality reports.

The folder, notebooks and photographs of X-rays she allegedly was carrying have never been found. Silkwood supporters claim there is evidence Kerr-McGee officials stole the documents from her wrecked auto.

Anthony Mazzocchi, vice-president of the Oil, Chemical and Atomic Workers Union, of which Silkwood was a member, said yesterday it was time the government thoroughly investigated the cause of her death. He called for the appointment of a special government prosecutor.

Legal experts contend that the award may have set a precedent for similar damages in other incidents of contamination, such as the radioactive leak from the Three Mile Island plant in Pennsylvania following an accident there on March 28. But lawyers here pointed out that no award for punitive damages in personal injury cases even approaching \$10m. has been allowed to stand in U.S. courts. (AP, Reuter)

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The evening will be conducted in Hebrew Auditorium, Wed., May 23, 8 p.m. Admission Free

Beth Hatefutsoth is located on the Tel Aviv University Campus (Gate 2) Klausner Street, Ramat Aviv.  
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# U.S. mayor got no 'straightforward information' during nuclear plant crisis

MIDDLETOWN, Pennsylvania (AP). — The mayor of Middletown said yesterday that officials knew the Three Mile Island nuclear plant was unsafe and he angrily demanded that a presidential commission find out why the federal government allowed it to go into operation.

Mayor Richard Reid also told the commission his biggest problem during the crisis was a "lack of straightforward information" about dangers from the March 28 accident that threatened to become a nuclear catastrophe.

"I would like to ask a question through you to the nuclear Regulatory Commission: Why was Metropolitan Edison issued a licence to operate this plant at a time when they knew this plant was not safe?" Reid said of the power company that operates the plant with two other utilities.

Reid was the first witness at a public hearing before the blue-ribbon commission U.S. President Jimmy Carter appointed after the March accident. Of the 600,000 people from the region who were affected during the 15-day emergency, only some two dozen residents and an equal number of reporters were on hand for the opening session at a local university campus.

The mayor said area residents were greatly disturbed by conflicting news reports on whether there was actually a danger.

"I really feel that people still aren't being told what's going on down there... they (plant operators) give you information that they want you to believe. We're allowing people to use their imaginations," Reid said.

# Desai turnabout on women's rights

NEW DELHI (AP). — Prime Minister Morarji Desai, often criticized for his male chauvinist image, said yesterday women are the stronger rather than the weaker sex.

"Women are the stronger sex because of suffering they undergo at the time of childbirth, the 35-year-old Desai told a national conference on women and development. "This aspect is easily forgotten."

The prime minister, a devout Hindu, said women should no longer accept the traditional (Hindu) roles of men as masters and women their serfs: "Sense of service must come from strength and not out of fear."

Desai aroused female ire around the world when he said in a magazine interview in March 1977 that the performance of women prime ministers in Sri Lanka, Israel and India had caused him to stop championing women in politics.

# 2 Florida convicts face electric chair

STARKE, Florida. — Opponents of the death penalty say an order to electrocute two convicted killers on Wednesday could prompt a wave of executions of the 550 inmates across the U.S. who are now waiting to die.

Florida Governor Bob Graham signed death warrants on Friday for John Spinkellink, 30, and Willie Jasper Darden, 45.

If last-minute efforts fail, the oak chair called "Old Smokey" would carry out the first executions in the U.S. since Gary Gilmore was shot before a Utah firing squad in January 1977. Before Gilmore's death, no one was executed until 1962 in the U.S. since 1967.

Spinkellink filed an appeal with the State Supreme court yesterday asking his execution be stayed. Willie Jasper Darden, convicted of murdering a furniture store owner in 1974, filed an appeal Friday.

# Israel Petrochemical Enterprises Ltd. NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS' ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the holders of Ordinary Shares of the Company that the Shareholders' Annual General Meeting of the Company will be held at the offices of the Company at Israel Petrochemical Enterprises Ltd., Haifa Bay, on Tuesday, May 29, 1979, at 11.00 a.m.

AGENDA  
1. Directors' Report  
2. Approval of Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 1978.  
3. Other matters required by law and the Articles of Association to be dealt with by the Annual General Meeting.

According to the Articles of Association of the Company, if within one hour from the time appointed for the holding of a General Meeting a quorum is not present, the meeting shall stand adjourned to Wednesday, May 30, 1979, at the same place. If within one hour from the time prescribed for such first adjourned meeting a quorum is not present, the members present shall be a quorum.

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# Exodus of 30,000 Cambodians

BAN BUNG CHANANG, Thailand (AP). — More than 30,000 Cambodian civilians and troops of the toppled Cambodian Premier Pol Pot fled into Thailand at this border town early yesterday following a heavy offensive by the Vietnamese-led forces. Authorities fear that the fighting may spill over into Thailand.

Chantaburi governor, contacted by telephone, said he received a report that the Cambodians have streamed into Thailand at Ban Bung Chanang, about 4 km. from the Thai frontier, and the exodus was still continuing. He gave no other details.

Military sources in Chantaburi said the Cambodians, many of them soldiers of the Pol Pot regime, came in "very fast" and authorities believed that the Vietnamese-led forces were close behind them.

Authorities also said they have tightened security at the border area where the Cambodians came in for fear of a battle spillover.

Fighting still continued between the Vietnamese-led forces and remnants of the toppled regime.

# Carter 'wouldn't fear' running against Kennedy

WASHINGTON (AP). — President Jimmy Carter says he "wouldn't have any fears" in running against Sen. Edward Kennedy for the 1980 Democratic presidential nomination.

"Senator Kennedy is a very popular and attractive man," Carter said in an interview on Friday with invited newspaper editors and broadcasters. "If he becomes a candidate, he would be a formidable opponent for anyone else who ran."

The White House released a transcript of the interview yesterday.

Neither Carter nor Kennedy has announced plans to seek the nomination, and Kennedy has said repeatedly he plans to support an expected Carter re-election bid. However, Kennedy is leading Carter in the polls and some Kennedy supporters are urging the senator to run.

# Tito-Brezhnev talks conclude on up note

MOSCOW (Reuter). — President Josip Tito of Yugoslavia has apparently succeeded in easing tensions between Belgrade and Moscow in two days of talks with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev.

A joint statement on Friday said political differences between the two Communist states should be respected. Divergence in some aspects of foreign policy did not affect the fundamental fact that both countries were in favour of détente and peace, it said.

Tito, 68, has followed an independent course from Moscow since Yugoslavia was expelled from the Soviet Bloc in 1948, and over the past two years differing attitudes on China and Southeast Asia have caused relations to become estrained.

Yugoslav source said Tito's talks with Brezhnev were frank and open and that the Soviet leader seemed to accept Yugoslavia's insistence on the right to control its own affairs.

# Boris Chaliapin, 72, 'Time' cover artist

NEW YORK (AP). — Boris Chaliapin, a Russian-born artist known for his 400 "Time" magazine covers from the 1940s to the 1960s, died on Friday at age 72.

Son of the world-renowned Russian basso Feodor Chaliapin, he studied art in Russia and in France. Best known for his portraits, Chaliapin also painted figures, landscapes, pencil sketches and pictures of opera settings, and was a wood sculptor.

In 1978, as part of a cultural exchange programme sponsored by the United States Information Agency, Chaliapin gave a one-man show in Moscow that had an unprecedented attendance. His work is on display at the National Portrait Gallery of the Smithsonian Institution in Washington.

# After Conservative Party victory: U.S., UK to formulate joint Rhodesia policy

WASHINGTON. — U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance flies to London today hoping to shape a joint approach to the thorny subject of Rhodesia with the new British government.

The talks beginning tomorrow with British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington will be broad-ranging and are customary soon after a change of government on either side of the Atlantic. But the meeting has been given added urgency by a series of recent developments concerning Rhodesia, and how to proceed with regard to Salisbury's newly elected government will be Vance's top priority.

Britain's Conservative Party made no secret during the election campaign which brought it to power early this month that it wants to lift trade sanctions against its former colony, which declared unilateral independence 14 years ago.

Similar sentiments have swept through the U.S. Congress since Rhodesia held the April 17-21 vote which elected the country's first-ever black government. On Tuesday, in a stinging rebuff of the administration's previous handling of the Rhodesia issue, the U.S. Senate voted 75-19 to urge the president to lift economic sanctions.

One of Rhodesia's guerrilla leaders says the U.S. "would be declaring war on Zimbabwe" if it lifts economic sanctions against Rhodesia without a similar move by the UN. Joshua Nkomo, head of the Zimbabwe African People's Union, also warned Friday that fighting would intensify if the sanctions were lifted.

"The sanctions were not imposed solely by the United States, but by the United Nations," Nkomo said Friday night on a television programme shown nationwide in the U.S.

And Andrew Young, U.S. ambassador to the UN, who is conferring with Nkomo, said on Friday that the lifting of economic sanctions against Rhodesia would "almost guarantee a military solution" rather than a peaceful one to the problems in the African nation. (Reuter, AP)

# Castro's Mexican visit ends with call to end U.S. boycott

CANCUN, Mexico (AP). — President Fidel Castro of Cuba and Jose Lopez Portillo of Mexico demanded on Friday that the U.S. end its economic blockade of Cuba and "eliminate" its military base there. Their statement came as Castro ended a two-day official visit to Mexico, his first since the Cuban revolution 23 years ago.

The communique called on the U.S. to adhere to a UN resolution that bans military bases maintained against the will of the country where they are located. The U.S. has refused to vacate its naval base at Guantanamo.

He also demanded an end to all acts of "economic aggression" against Latin American countries "because they are in violation of the peaceful coexistence between nations and the principles and objectives in the charter of the UN."

Castro held three rounds of talks with Lopez Portillo during the 30-hour visit.

The Cuban president told a news conference late Thursday night that the U.S. economic blockade was "grotesque" and "misérable." He said it denied his country "even the right to obtain medicines. I ask myself how can the blockade against Cuba be reconciled with preachings about human rights."

In Washington, U.S. State Department sources confirmed the embargo against Cuba includes medicines, but said that in 1978 a U.S. offer to exempt certain rare medicines got no response.

Meanwhile, a powerful explosion damaged the offices of the Cuban mission in Washington shortly before midnight on Friday, knocking out windows in nearby buildings, but causing no injuries, police said.

A caller to the Associated Press a little over an hour later said "Omega 7," an anti-Castro group, claimed responsibility for the blast.

# U.S. energy chief offered to resign

WASHINGTON (Reuter). — U.S. Energy Secretary James Schlesinger said on Friday that he had offered to quit, but President Jimmy Carter seemed reluctant to accept his resignation.

In a television interview with ABC's Barbara Walters, Schlesinger said he was "not particularly" anxious to continue as energy secretary, but would stay on until Carter found "a better replacement."

Schlesinger, Richard Nixon's former defence secretary, asserted that his unpopularity with members of Congress, some of whom consider him arrogant, was because of the controversial nature of his job and not because of his personality.

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Tel Aviv Macs held to draw in Netanya But title hopes up as J'lem Betar are scoreless against Bnei Yehuda

By PAUL KOHN Post Sports Reporter TEL AVIV. — Tel Aviv Maccabi and Jerusalem Betar both drew their National League games yesterday, and the championship race will now be decided only in the season's final league encounters next Saturday.

Ramat Gan Hapoel 4-0. Bet She'an Hapoel scored the win of the day in this division when pipping Petah Tikva Hapoel 3-1.

shot from 18 metres by Shabtai Levy, and the Tel Avivians took a 2-1 lead in the 78th minute through Ami Lieberman.



The trunks of 15 baby elephants inside their air shipping crates sniff around as they stand on the tarmac at Frankfurt International Airport yesterday.

Finberg foils U.S. sweep of veterans' tennis prizes

By JACK LEON Post Sports Reporter HERZLIYA. — Jerusalem's durable Mordechai Finberg on Friday captured the over-65 singles title at the 12th annual Israel Veterans' tennis championships here.

Allie Rittenberg and Stu Fitelson in the last round. Rittenberg, a leading veteran player in both the U.S. and Europe, defeated Dutch international Wim Stoop 8-2, 7-5 in the high-quality 55-to-65 singles final.

England's 'greatest ever' Liverpool sets League points, goal records

LONDON (AP). — Liverpool can claim that it is the greatest English soccer team of all time. Thursday night's 3-0 win at Leeds gave Liverpool a final total of 68 points from 42 games in the English League — a record. The team also conceded the smallest-ever number of goals, 11.

1975 Derby won the title with a record of 49 goals against — more than three times the number of goals Liverpool has conceded this season.

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Herzliya golfers star in weekend contests CAESAREA. — Four Herzliya Pithul residents took top places in the individual Stabeford golf competitions here over the weekend.

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WHEN THE world and I were both much younger, I believed that the moon was made of green cheese. I soon discovered that the moon was not, but that a good meal was — and I have been a devoted turophile ever since.

We Jews have given much to the world, but a love of cheese (*turos* in Greek) does not seem to be among our benefactions. Cheese occupies no special place in Jewish culinary lore — except, of course, for our famed cheesecake. The Bible, in fact, mentions cheese by its Hebrew term *gavna* just once (Job 10:10) and alludes in just one other place (Samuel 1:7:15) to the "slices of milk" David takes to his brothers. The Talmud provides more frequent references and, during the Second Temple period, there was apparently sufficient commercial interest in the product for Jerusalem's cheesemakers to form a guild and bequeath their name to the Tyropocon Valley (to the west of the Temple Mount).

In the chief lands of dispersion — Eastern Europe and the Islamic countries — cheese was not a major component of the national diets. Some simple white cheeses were eaten but the main source of animal protein was beef, poultry or fish. Kashrut probably played a part in this; many of the recipes prevalent among the general populations called for combinations of meat and cheese. Furthermore, Jews were forbidden to eat cheese made by gentiles in case it was made with rennet (a coagulating enzyme) taken from the stomach of an improperly slaughtered animal.

During the years of the Yishuv and the first two decades of the state, the population here was, true to tradition, a small customer for cheese, although veteran Israelis will recall the "cheese schmitzels" of the austerity period during the fifties. In recent years, however, a change in consumption patterns has begun to take place. Due to shifts in consumers' tastes, a rise in the standard of living and increased immigration from the West, ripened cheeses (ranging from the hard Parmesan and Cheddar to the soft Camembert, but excluding unripened fresh white cheeses) are becoming increasingly popular.

The production of ripened cheeses has more than tripled in the past 15 years; rising from 4,000 tons in 1967 to some 14,000 tons last year. (During the same period the production of fresh white cheeses doubled to about 40,000 tons annually, due mainly to the introduction by Tnuva of cottage cheese which has become a mainstay of many people's diet.)

Nonetheless, our cheese consumption falls far below that of other major protein sources — meat, chicken, fish and eggs. Which is a great pity, says Dr. Naomi Trostler, director of the School of Nutrition and Domestic Sciences at the Hebrew University, because it is an excellent source of calcium and phosphorus as well as protein. It also supplies generous quantities of Vitamins A, B, B<sub>2</sub> and E. And, besides being nourishing (some have called it "the almost perfect food"), cheese is a very versatile viand with which many intriguing dishes may be prepared.

The basic problem, Dr. Trostler says, is that Israelis are too little aware of the culinary potential of cheese. Homemade pizza with a salad is one of the most nutritional meals available, she says, yet most of us confine our pizza to the soggy, barely palatable slices of grease offered on the street. Stuffed vegetables need not necessarily imply white and ground meat; rather stuffed zucchini, eggplant, squash and potatoes may be filled with all manner of cheese preparations. Cheese and onion pie, quiche, cheese soup, fondue, rabbit, omelettes, cheese salads — the list runs on and on. But for most of us gastronomically disadvantaged compatriots, cheese is either white and eaten with a spoon or yellow and eaten sliced on bread.

Cheese contains roughly 1/3 protein, 1/3 fat and 1/3 moisture, varying according to the particular type. It is therefore quite high in calories but, on the other hand, none of the other high-protein foods can touch it for calcium content. And, not least, it is slightly cheaper than beef or chicken, especially when one considers that cheese is net weight while meat generally includes some fat, gristle and bones.

The average Israeli eats about 4.5 kilos of hard and semi-soft (ripened) cheese annually. Europeans are far fonder of cheese, with the French consuming an average of 15 kilos each and the Italians and Scandinavians close



## Curds & whey

**Now is the season of cheese ("Honey & milk shall be under your tongue" says Song of Songs about Shavuot) and all turophiles can rejoice — or can they? David Frank investigates the whys and wherefores of our cheese industry.**

behind. Americans eat little more cheese than we do, but they compensate by consuming meat in large quantities.

NOTHING compares with the taste of good cheese, eaten with a fork or an apple. But when it comes to the argument about the nutritional content and high quality of Israeli cheeses, the Israeli diet without exception, to lack gustatory interest.

Tnuva, which supplies over 85 per cent of the ripened cheeses consumed in this country, is not overly concerned with the cheese lover's palate. "We provide what the public in general wants," says Hanan Balaban, manager of Tnuva's large dairy at Tel Yosef, where all its ripened cheeses are produced. "There may be a small minority of the population who prefer their cheese pungent, but the vast majority of Israelis like mild cheeses with an 'indifferent' taste." Europeans distinguish between young, medium and old cheese. The local public, Balaban says, tends to prefer young or, at best, medium. But that doesn't imply that Tnuva's mild cheeses are not equally as good and tasty as the milder European varieties, he says.

Balaban believes this may have something to do with our warm climate. Israelis just don't like full-flavoured food, he states (What about horseradish and *schugf*?), the proof being that whenever Tnuva has come out with a new kind of more piquant cheese it has not

been well received and has consequently disappeared from the production line. Tnuva's staple product is the mild Edam-type Emek, which accounts for 75 per cent of its total line of cured cheeses. Gilboa, another Edam-type cheese, contributes 10 per cent, with all other cheeses constituting the remaining 15 per cent and carrying the tag "specialty cheeses."

Israelis are indeed eating more cheese than ever before, Balaban affirms. Within six years Tel Yosef has more than doubled its production. Last year the plant produced 12,000 tons of ripened cheese from cow, sheep and goat milk, as well as various processed cheeses, butter, dehydrated milk and whey products.

Besides the Tnuva plant, three other companies operate sizeable cheese-manufacturing plants: Tenne-Noga in Ramat Gan and Kiryat Malachi, Tara in Tel Aviv and Strauss in Nahariya. Ten very small dairies produce mainly a Bryndza type of white cheese in brine, while Kir in Petaah Tikva and Mata, near Hadera, manufacture processed cheese.

In "A Book of Food," P. Morton Shand complained, in 1928, of "the fouling of the fair name of Cheshire and Cheddar" cheeses by foreign imitators. "Canadian 'Cheshire' will not even wash clothes and New Zealand 'Cheddar' is utterly useless as furniture polish," he wrote contemptuously.

I would not be so uncharitable in regard to our local cheeses, even though they are all "imported" varieties. (Even the so-called "in-

digenous" Safed salty white cheese is a variation on the Balkan Bryndza theme.) Tnuva's Gedi is a highly commendable version of the Danish Danbo if not as buttery-tasting, and Tel Ha'Emek, while lacking a certain zest, conveys somewhat the taste and texture of Swiss Emmentaler. Both Tnuva and Strauss produce quite tasty Camemberts and pleasant Edam-type cheeses, although the closest thing I have found to the Dutch original is the Dutch Farm Cheese produced by the small dairy at Beit Yitzhak.

However, my favourite member of the cheese family is a pungent, well-aged Cheddar — and I had a bone to pick when I paid my visit to the Tel Yosef dairy. In both texture and taste, Tnuva's version is only a pale shadow of even the milder English, Canadian or South African Cheddars. Excellent for many cooked dishes, I find it most uninspiring in itself and am thus reduced to relying on the occasional visitor from abroad to bring me a pound or so of the real, mordant thing. Even if the local public prefers its cheeses insipidly mild, why can't Tnuva do its bit for *algas* from the West and market a Cheddar just a little worthier of the name?

One reason, Balaban explains convincingly, is that all Israeli milk is pasteurized. The law requires that all cheese, both ripened and fresh, be made with pasteurized milk to prevent the growth of harmful micro-organisms, and all arguments to the contrary have been rejected by the Health Ministry.

There is only one drawback to the use of pasteurized milk in cheesemaking: Flavour is adversely affected. Cheeses that are made from raw milk are invariably superior in flavour, aroma and texture, as the bacteria add a desirable complexity to the ripened cheese. This has long been recognized abroad, which is why Cheddar, of all the hard cheeses, is exempted in the U.S. from the necessity for pasteurization, provided it is aged for at least 60 days. In European countries other cheeses, too, may be made from full-flavoured raw milk. Given the fact that raw milk cheeses are consumed by the Europeans without ill effect, it seems apparent that it is not raw milk cheeses that are suspect but improperly made cheeses of any kind. I am also inclined to believe that the local cheese industry, like its American counterpart, is unduly attracted to the convenience of using pasteurized milk in aiming for product uniformity.

All the same, I emerged from the Tnuva manager's office slightly buoyed. The good news for those who like "the Englishman's cheese" is that Tnuva is considering the introduction of a second variety of Cheddar with a more distinctive flavour than the present product.

THE TEL YOSEF dairy is equipped with the most sophisticated cheese-making equipment available — everything but a good, old-fashioned cave in which to age cheese naturally. There just isn't one here in Emek Yitzhak, smiles deputy manager and chief food engineer David Epstein. But come, I'll show you our laboratories instead.

Tel Yosef processes over 400,000 litres of raw milk daily. Samples of each consignment are checked to determine their fat and acidity levels and to ensure that the milk is not diluted. Heavy fines are imposed on any settlement in whose consignment even the smallest trace of water is found. The milk is also tested for bacteriological content. Epstein claims that Tnuva's hygiene standards are higher even than those required by law. Tnuva, he says, is striving to have legislation passed whereby the cleaner milk supplied by a farm the more it will be paid by Tnuva. This would mean that only the purest of four categories of milk would be used for drinking purposes while the rest would be utilized in various manufacturing processes. Higher prices for cleaner milk would obviously encourage the farms to maintain better breeding, milking and transportation conditions, he says.

When the milk reaches the Tel Yosef plant, it is stored in giant 200,000-litre stainless steel tanks at 4-6°C. It is then pasteurized and curdled to form a smooth curd block in the vat. Curdling is induced with rennet, an enzyme found in the stomachs of calves, which coagulates the milk to separate the curds from the whey. Because rennet should be taken



What cheese goes through before it reaches your table (above and left). (Photo: David Frank)



from the stomach of a day-old calf it is naturally very expensive, Epstein says, and Tnuva consequently uses chicken pepsin for its standard cheeses and rennet only for the small-volume "special" varieties. All Tnuva cheeses are kosher, he assures me, the rennet and pepsin coming only from animals slaughtered according to ritual shechita.

The curd, once formed, is cut into smaller pieces to allow more complete drainage of the whey by increasing the curd's surface area. Throughout the cheese-making process, the only contact is with stainless steel pipes and vessels. The curd is then heated to effectively remove the whey and establish the moisture level of the particular cheese. A computer automatically programmes the temperature and duration. Then the cheese is pressed and salted in briny baths and, finally, dipped in paraffin to be cured and ripened.

The cheeses are stored in immense cold-rooms for varying periods of time with regulated humidity and temperature, hovering in the 2-6°C region. Ein Gedi (Camembert) and Bari (Brie) are ripened for 10 days, Emek and Gush Halav (Edam) for two months, Cheddar for three months and Parmesan for up to eight months.

During this ripening period the micro-organisms present in the cheese are supposed to continue to break down its constituents, giving each cheese its distinctive flavour. Oh for raw milk and a cool cave!

ENTERTAINING with cheese is a relatively recent development on Israel's social scene, but it is fast becoming a popular way of receiving guests. No wonder, for besides tasting good, cheese means less outlay, less work spent in preparation and more time with your guests. It makes for a delectable snack, a delicious meal or a delightful party.

Like all fastidious epicures, the turophile may have rather exacting rules about his favourite food. The French firmly bring on the cheese after the salad, holding that its role is to erase the sharp acidity of the vinegar and prepare the palate for the sweetness of the dessert. The English serve cheese after the dessert but this, says Pierre Androuët, author of the famous *Guide de Fromage*, seems a peculiar practice to all but the English.

Androuët holds that no fewer than four different cheeses should be served at one sitting, but he does concede that "it is better to serve one perfect cheese than a host of indifferent ones." Then there is, of course, the butter controversy (Does one serve it or does one not?) and the who question (Which wine complements which cheese?). However, rules who are not of the illustrious gastronomical elite need not necessarily

set our stars by such hard-and-fast rules. Nothing is so rigid but what your taste buds and pocket dictate. Without being rigid, there are nonetheless a few guidelines to the serving of cheese which do, in my opinion, enhance its taste or, at the very least, the ambience in which it is eaten.

Cheese should be stored in a refrigerator or a cool place, covered loosely. If entirely exposed to air, it will quickly go hard; if tightly covered it is likely to mould. The cheeses to be served should be taken out of the refrigerator an hour or so in advance to allow them to come to room temperature. If you're serving hard and semi-soft cheeses, take them out at different times. Cover them loosely with a slightly damp cloth until the guests arrive. When serving, leave space around each cheese; a strong, odiferous cheese should not be placed next to a mild one lest it lend its aroma to its neighbour.

The cheeses should be unwrapped but not cut, and presented on a cheese board with sufficient knives to allow the guests to serve themselves.

The selection of cheeses should allow for a range of tastes — a basic board might include the local ver-

## Cheese, please!

When entertaining with cheese, nothing is de rigueur but what your taste buds and pocket dictate, writes David Frank.

sions of: Edam (Tnuva's Emek or Beit Yitzhak's Dutch Farm Cheese); Danbo (Gedi, Tnuva's version of the Danish cheese); Emmentaler (Tel Ha'Emek); Roquefort (Gall — Tnuva's "blue" cheese, but actually with green veins) and Camembert (I find Strauss's Avivit richer in taste than Tnuva's Ein Gedi). Soft spiced cheeses, such as Strauss's excellent Emek (herb and garlic) or Filpelt (black pepper), might be served on a separate dish alongside the cheese board. For a more elaborate offering you could add: Kaaskaal (Gild), Provolsone (Golan or Basban), Brie and a firm white cheese (perhaps Tnuva's full-flavoured Fromes made from goat's milk, or Strauss's salty Gamed, made from cow's milk). Fruit stands out as one of the most

successful accompaniments to cheese, especially for a light meal. Apples with Cheddar, figs with Parmesan or strawberries with cream cheese are just a few of the fruit-and-cheese affinities to explore.

Wine is the natural companion to cheese and here again there are no infallible combinations. Nevertheless, while epourian marriages are not made in heaven, some general affinities might be stated. Red wines go well with most cheeses, with full-bodied reds best complementing the stronger varieties, while dry, white or rose wines seem to go best with Emmentaler, herb choosos and cream cheeses. Black coffee, tea and beer also go nicely with Cheddar and

Edam, and nothing is a more fit companion for Roquefort than a glass of cognac or sherry.

Wine may be a delightful accompaniment to cheese, but bread is an essential one. While small bits of hard cheese can be picked up with one's fingers, softer cheeses need a handy means of conveyance to the mouth. Bread, or unsalted crackers, are also a perfect foil to the taste of cheese. Serve several kinds of bread — white, rye, Pumpernickel — ready sliced.

If you're having a full-scale party, you may wish to provide a more elaborate spread than a cheese board. For several years wine and cheese parties have been growing in popularity, due to a large extent, I believe, to the efforts of Tnuva's catering and guidance department, under the able direction of Tova Aran.

Two years ago, when my wife and I got married, we were among the first of Tova's clients and were most satisfied with the food and services provided by her budding enterprise. Although full catering was available, we preferred to order prepared trays of cheese and fruits-in-season, canapés, cheese dips, breads, dried fruits stuffed with cheese and bottles of wine, and serve ourselves. In the

pleasant atmosphere of my parents' garden, the dairy buffet lent just the air of informality and ease that we sought for the event.

Tnuva recently separated the catering and catering facilities, handing the concession for the latter to a private company, Gastronom, managed by Uri Guttman. Gastronom operates from the same premises as Tova's demonstration and guidance centre at 47 Sderot Ben-Gurion in Tel Aviv (tel. 02-243377). It provides a choice of a long list of dishes, all based on Tnuva cheeses. The cheese platters, stuffed fruit, quiches and cheese balls I saw on a recent visit to Gastronom were all beautifully displayed, looked very fresh and quite mouth-watering. I regret I cannot comment on the food itself as I was not permitted to taste anything.

Gastronom offers a full catering service or, alternatively, will supply prepared trays to be served by the hosts themselves. While I talked to Guttman on a Friday afternoon, traffic through the centre was quite heavy. One man took three typical trays for a Friday night party for some 15 guests: a tray with 50 open dates, prunes and apricots stuffed with cream cheese and walnuts and garnished with strawberries; a tray

of pastries filled with a mushroom mixture, to be warmed later in the oven; and an enormous round tray piled high with four or five kinds of cheese, some in blocks, some ready-sliced pears, apples, strawberries, fresh dates, almonds and prunes, topped with a luscious pineapple.

Gastronom deals mainly with the greater Tel Aviv area but will, for an additional fee, go anywhere in the country. Full catering costs IL205 per head (including VAT). For this you get cheese trays, quiches, Moroccan cigars, aubergines and patties, canapés, a selection of breads and crackers and a bowl of punch. The price also includes waiter services and a thorough clean-up of the kitchen afterwards.

You can also order separately, without service. A large tray with some 4 kilos of cheeses, including Emek, Gush Halav, Tel Ha'Emek, Gall and Ein Gedi, with a generous quantity of fresh fruit, costs IL225.

Of course, you can do it all yourself. Your dishes may lack the touch of a master caterer such as Uri Guttman, but it'll cost less and it's a lot of fun to prepare. At any rate, we celebrate our second wedding anniversary next week — with a wine and cheese party, naturally!

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## Cake make-up

Haim Shapiro meets a girl who's slimming while she bakes.

WHEN YOU love to bake and want to watch your figure as well, it can present a problem. One Jerusalemite has solved this dilemma in an original way by sell-

ing her cakes. What has begun as a hobby has developed into a small business. Susan Fried, a travel agent at the Promised Land agency, spends most

of her spare time in the tiny kitchen of her Bayit Vegan flat. Using standard-sized equipment, she bakes a few dozen cakes a week, following her favourite cookbook recipes.

To solve the problem of marketing, she bakes only cakes that freeze well and stores them in the small freezer compartment of her refrigerator. Friends call her when they want a cake. Several months ago, a friend's husband helped her figure out a cost estimate for her cakes. By doubling the price of the ingredients, she figures she covers the cost of electricity as well. Prices vary according to cakes. The most expensive is a IL120 chocolate mocha torte with rich chocolate frosting, suitable for a

birthday party. The smallest is a IL40 coffee cake. In between are a series of fruit tarts, some using fresh fruit when in season. Another favourite is a rich Sacher tart. Gradually, Fried says, she has discovered which ingredients to use. For example, she dislikes the local cooking chocolate, a wax-like substance with little taste. When we visited her recently she was bemoaning the absence of satisfactory commercially cold ground almonds. In South Africa, she recalls, she could get lovely

ground almonds and, after making them herself, she now understands why they were so dear. The cakes, made two or three at a time, are produced from ingredients measured out in an antique scale she picked up in England. Because a few of the weights are missing, she is forced to weigh out some items twice. Ingredients are produced in bulk when they can be, often from items close at hand. The orange cake is decorated with her homemade candied orange peels. Meanwhile, she keeps her figure

by steadfastly avoiding her own wares. When she tries out a new cake, she usually gives samples to a few friends to pass judgement. Occasionally, she admits, she will make a tiny cupcake for herself, just to know what a new item tastes like. Some day she may have to decide between the cake business and her work as a travel agent, but so far, she says, there is no problem. When asked if her boss at the agency is irritated about her getting calls from cake buyers, she laughed. "Hardly," she said, "he's still my best customer."



(Dunlop)

## Age old eating

Lilian Cornfeld says the elderly need nourishing.

"HOW GOOD a man's life — the mere living!" cried King Solomon. What is aging but getting old too young? However, eating is the first and last pleasure of mankind. Proper nutrition throughout life is probably the best preventative of chronic diseases in later years. Health is not merely a matter of absence of disease but a state of physical, social and mental well-being. I asked a lady past 80, "What is the chief source of your strength?" With a smile she answered, "Good food adding zest and enjoyment to life." Nutritional adequacy is effected by the whole person, his cultural, environmental, emotional and economic situation. Older people need the same food as younger ones except for those who don't work, who need fewer calories from sugar and fat. Too little food or overeating due to gloomy anxiety, bad habits, or religious taboos and prejudices, can only lead to inferior physique and premature aging. A constant diet of high fat calories and lack of exercise push up the diaphragm giving rise to unpleasant sensations in the heart region, and lead to elevated cholesterol or triglycerides. Diminished fat clearance in the blood and reduced digestive juices in aging can lead to chronic illness — diabetes, and cardio-vascular, liver, intestinal and kidney diseases. Loss of nutrients, and inability to cope point to a greater need for protective foods in the elderly. Emaciation and undernourishment, with consequent weakness and lack of energy, may come from lack of interest and appetite to eat, not having regular meals, skipping meals, etc. Studies have shown that the bones become porous and a mild anaemia shows a need for a high protein diet. Neglect of teeth creates difficulty in chewing and digestion. Undernourishment can affect mental activity; a lack of the B vitamins has

been shown to affect behaviour leading to apathy, forgetfulness or confusion. Rehabilitation is often seen with a proper nourishing diet. To put on weight, add milk, cream or honey. Arthritis can sometimes be reduced by loss of weight, proper diet and exercise. NUTRITIONAL NEEDS The higher the consumption of starches and sweets so loved by the aging, the higher the need for vitamin B to assimilate them. Low fruit and vegetable intake can lead to nutritional anaemia and to constipation. Regularity of meals and elimination is most important. Lack of exercise — especially mineral oil — can reduce the power to absorb and retain the fat soluble vitamins. A lack of vitamin A and protein can affect eyesight. Poor wound and bone healing can be traced to a lack of calcium, protein, and vitamins C, D and A. Smoking and too little food has a constricting effect on elimination. By employment of all the disciplines in medical research, it has been able to bring to the aging a more rugged physique, raising the lives of males by 20 years and females by 23 years. DIETS Diets have been able to control certain chronic diseases. But a diet should not be like a dybbuk, once written, never revised. Regular checkups reveal that sometimes the need for a diet is no longer necessary and to carry it on indefinitely is to the detriment of the patient. Particularly dangerous is the so-called ulcer diet which is limited, lacking in essential roughage and vitamin C. As soon as possible, add orange juice gradually at the end of the meal. Many so-called intestinal diseases giving a very refined diet are cured when bran is added. As anxiety diminishes food tolerance can be noted. A diet should be based on all

the elements of a normal diet with changes in quantity and consistency and texture. Blenders may give a complete, tasty, digestive meal where swallowing is a problem. But a soft diet does not always mean puree. Meat and vegetables can be cooked really soft and are more appetizing.

### EXERCISE

We are shaping and reshaping ourselves all the time. Marlene Dietrich says she does no specific exercise, but when she sits, lies or stands, she concentrates on stretching exercises involving the muscles of the neck, back and legs. Proper breathing helps for better circulation, relieves tension and helps lower blood pressure. Proper posture and breathing help the pelvis to get into shape and make for relaxed sleeping. One should always rest after eating. But too much bed rest and sitting around is bad for the body. Unused muscles go to waste, with a consequent loss of protein and calcium. Exercise of the neck prevents headaches and backache. An exercise programme begun in youth and continued throughout the years is a means of putting off aging, and strengthening the muscles. Swimming is of course a wonderful exercise for young and old. Don't be afraid of hard work, mental or physical — but stress and worry are damaging.

### MENU MAKING

Menus should be planned around several smaller meals, with the main meal at noon. Breakfast is logically a very important meal when the body has been without food for at least eight hours. Three supplementary feedings are advisable to ensure enough liquid consisting of tea, milk, fruit, etc. One-third of the calories should appear in each of the three meals. Warm food is comforting to older persons and aids digestion. When appetite is small, do not start a meal with a big helping of a hearty soup unless one makes it the full meal, containing all the requirements. Or eat soup half an hour before the meal or save the dessert at tea time. Eating a large variety of foods is safer to avoid missing some important food nutrient. Alcohol in small quantities dilutes the blood vessels and stimulates appetite. Whilst a food basket containing all the essential nutrients should give enough minerals, vitamins, etc., the above reasons may prove that there is a need for more. Vitamins C and B may supply what is lacking. If not required, they are eliminated. If a person is not drinking milk or eating cheese, it is wise to take calcium to prevent bone fragility. Some widows stop cooking after the husband dies, and in many develop nutritional anaemia and malnutrition. Cholesterol is necessary for bile function and fat digestion. In a healthy person the body makes its own cholesterol and circulates what is not needed. In others, it accumulates in the arteries causing disease. Keep fat at not more than 40 gr. a day (25 per cent of calories), and use more unsaturated fats than saturated.

### FADS

Aging persons are prey to pressure of faddists and crash diets. They must be educated not to spend their income on unnecessary, expensive miracle foods. Successful weight control depends primarily on amounts of food intake and a reasonable level of physical activity. Supplementary vitamins and minerals can be very useful to people with restricted ability to digest and absorb their food. Vitamins C, E and B complex can be recommended in old age. A new publication *What Older People Should Eat* has been prepared by Naomi Gafriti and myself with the Wizo Department of Instruction. It is a comprehensive guide with menus and recipes, and sells at Wizo for IL45 (Hebrew only). (To be continued)

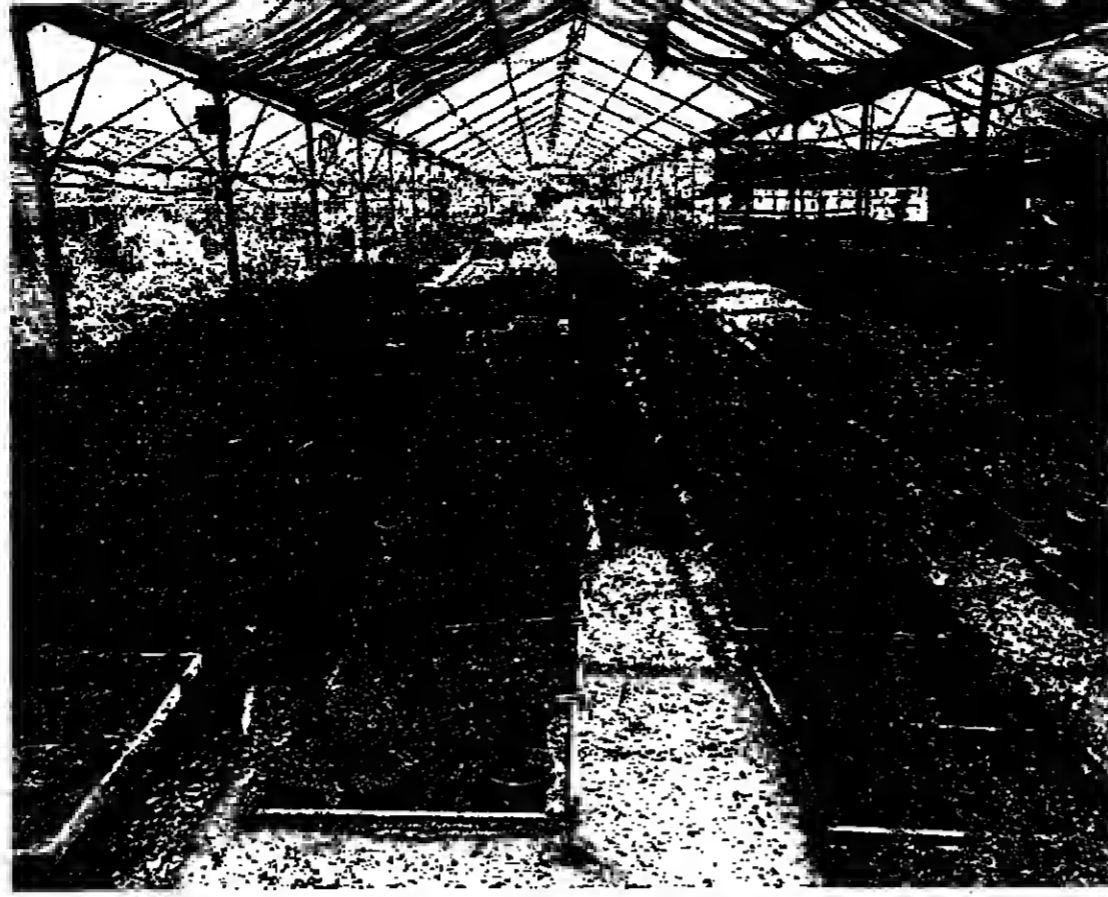


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Yisrael Braun holds a lemon balm plant before potting (left) and examines its leaves (right). Centre, he looks over a row of fragrant marjoram plants in the kibbutz greenhouse.

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## Mint source

Want to spice up your cooking with fresh as fresh herbs? Gus Tibus discovers a kibbutz where balm, sage, oregano and basil are grown — and sold.

HAVE YOU ever wondered why the liberal addition of herbs doesn't seem to make food tastier? It may be that the "herbs" you have been buying are mostly straw.

In a recent discussion with *The Jerusalem Post*, a Health Ministry official concerned with food adulteration, he said the fact that the consumer has no defence against adulterated or even

falsely labelled spices. Another problem faced by the cook, even if he buys imported herbs, produced by a firm he knows from abroad, is the lack of control over the length of time that may elapse between the packaging of herbs and their use. Months and even years can pass while they stand in ships, warehouses and even on the grocer's shelves. For that matter, the cook himself often keeps herbs until they have lost any residue of taste or smell. Often one sees herbs arranged decoratively over the cooking stove where the heat will cause them to become tasteless even more quickly.

The answer to these problems could be a visit to Kibbutz Yifat, where a wide range of herbs are grown and sold in pots. Rather than worry about whether your herbs are fresh, you can use them within minutes of picking them.

THE INSPIRATION for the Yifat herb gardens is Yisrael Braun, a bent and grizzled kibbutz veteran with a ready smile and a gleam in his eye. Dressed in tattered dark blue work clothes, he takes time from his gardening chores to discuss the use of each and every herb with visitors. Braun, who came from Russia in 1925, lived with Arabs for four years

and saw how they used all the local greens in their cooking. Later he studied agronomy at the Kaddouri School and at Nancy University in France. But, he adds quickly, though he doesn't want to denigrate his academic knowledge, he doesn't think it has been of much use to him either.

Amram Golan, who is in charge of the kibbutz hothouses, immediately interjects that Braun is far too modest. Experts from all over the world come to Yifat to consult with him.

Meanwhile, Braun continues, he began growing herbs in the vegetable garden of the Kibbutz

school, where he taught agriculture. Long interested in cooking, he used the fresh plants in cooked dishes, infusions and salads. The first herbs in pots were grown for the windowills of kibbutz members.

Then the hothouse staff became interested. The kibbutz has long grown orchids and produces a vast variety of this flower, sold both in Israel and abroad. But orchids present problems. They demand special soil and special water, and even rare varieties fail to command the prices they deserve.

The first plants, Braun said, were often grown from seeds sent by volunteers when they had returned

home. Now the kibbutz propagates its own herbs from plants on hand. The problem, he explained, is that every type of herb has its own growing pattern. It needs more light or less light, more moisture or little water and thrives in varying types of soil.

MUCH OF what the kibbutz has learned was by trial and error, but they realized that the homemaker is not eager to buy a plant that might die. To prevent this, each plant bears a label with growing instructions and a list of the foods it enhances.

As for the latter, Yisrael Braun has his reservations.

"I am opposed to recipes," he says. "Housewives tend to follow them too closely. They never discover all the things they can do with a herb, especially when it is fresh."

He suggests using most green herbs in salads to discover which flavour most appeals to the individual. By using imagination, he insists, the variety of foods can be made far more interesting.

Among the herbs that Yifat is growing are oregano, sage, sweet basil, peppermint, lemon balm, shallot greens, chives and curly parsley. Braun has also succeeded in getting tarragon to grow, but because this plant is so difficult to cultivate, he only sells fresh tarragon leaves at the present.

At the same time, he has a large variety of greens used for natural teas and infusions. Many of them are plants used by naturopaths.

Between the herbs and the other fragrant plants, any local householder can rest assured that no windowill need go bare.

The kibbutz is located in the Jezreel Valley, a few kilometers north of Afula on the road to Hafia. Visitors are welcome at the hothouses from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and from 10 to 2 on Shabbat. Prices for herbs range from IL50 for a single pot to IL70 for a windowbox with a collection of greens.

Today: Food is edited by Heim Shapiro and Joanna Tshiel.

## TASTE FRUMENTI'S HARVEST

There is something comforting about tradition; it has a warmth and security inherent in it that one can depend on. The Jewish People thrive on traditions — of home, of family, of holidays. They add a joy and light to our lives and a continuity to our existence. Shavuot, the Festival of Weeks, is a holiday celebrated seven weeks after Passover. According to tradition, it was at this time that the Torah and Ten Commandments were given to Moses on Mount Sinai. But Shavuot is also an agricultural holiday, because the seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot were the time of the grain harvesting season in the Land of Israel. The beginning of Shavuot signalled the beginning of the fruit harvest and the Third Pilgrimage to the Temple in Jerusalem; the people bringing with them a selection of the Seven Species — grapes, figs, pomegranates, olive oil, honey, wheat and barley. Nowadays throughout Israel, we celebrate this tradition — by decorating our homes and classrooms with green branches, flowers and first fruits. Custom has it that dairy dishes are eaten on Shavuot... The

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### FETTUCINI ALFROUMINE

4-5 servings  
2 cups butter (margarine)  
1 1/2 teaspoon fresh black pepper  
11 1/2 bags sweet cream or 2 jars of sour cream.  
1 1/2 glass grated Parmesan cheese (or grated Katchikaval)  
1 teaspoon salt  
500 grams Frumentis spaghetti

#### Preparation

Melt butter in (enameled) pot, add cream at low heat, stir and cook until boiling. Lower heat and add cheese while stirring. Revert to normal low heat and cook until sauce thickens (approx. 5 minutes). Add salt and pepper and mix with wooden spoon.  
Cover and let sauce settle (approx. 2 minutes), then serve.

#### FOR VARIETY'S SAKE

Take 100 grams of mushrooms, rinse, dry, cut and brown in butter before adding cream.

### FRUMENTI MACARONI PUDDING WITH SPINACH AND CHEESE

8 servings  
350 grams macaroni  
250 grams cottage cheese  
2 glasses chopped spinach (frozen)  
2 eggs  
1/4 glass grated Parmesan cheese (or "hard" yellow cheese)  
★ 1 glass tomato sauce  
White pepper to flavour

#### Preparation

Mix cheese and eggs in greased baking pan and place in layers:  
1/2 cooked macaroni, 1/3 tomato sauce, 1/2 spinach and 1/2 cottage cheese mixed with 1/3 yellow cheese. Continue placing in layers while sprinkling grated cheese on final layer. Bake in oven at medium heat approx 45 minutes.

### FRUMENTI NOODLE FUDDING

6 servings  
350 grams medium width noodles  
4 eggs  
4 cups sugar  
1/2 glass lemon peel  
50 grams butter  
2-3 glass raisins  
1/2 glass roughly ground nuts or almonds

#### Preparation

Cook pasta according to instructions on packet. Make eggwhite batter, add sugar gradually until batter is white and stiff. Add egg yolks and other ingredients to batter. Mix batter carefully with cooked pasta, then place in greased baking container into oven with medium heat.  
Bake approx. 1 hour and serve while warm.

### TOMATO SAUCE

Ingredients:  
1/2 tablespoons olive oil (or refined oil)  
1 large can of tomato purée  
1-2 garlic cloves  
4 cups sugar  
1 bay leaf  
1 glass of water  
1/2 glass dry wine (not essential)  
1/2 teaspoon sugar or honey  
Salt and pepper to flavour

#### Preparation

Warm oil in small pot, add garlic and fry until golden. Add remaining ingredients and cook 10-30 minutes in covered pot. Stir as needed to prevent burning. If sauce is too thick add water. Remove bay leaves and garlic before serving with all types of Frumentis pasta.

## Cheesy choice

Readers' favourite recipes for Shavuot

THERE'S ENOUGH time before Shavuot for you to try out one or two of our recipes before the Festival begins and decide on your favourite. In fact, they're not so much "our" recipes as yours — each was sent in by a *Jerusalem Post* reader. The writer of each one printed today will get a copy of cartoonist Dry Bones' book.

We'd also like to extend our apologies to those people who submitted recipes for Hal Hamed and never saw them in print — due to the long postal strike. We only got your letters well after our Hal Hamed Today Food issue.

For our June Food, we are dealing with Meat and would like your favourite meat recipes. As usual, we will print those we find most interesting, especially if they are old family favourites. Send your recipes to: Haim Shapiro, Food Editor, *The Jerusalem Post*, P.O.B. 81, Jerusalem.

Variations on the cheese cake theme was the recipe you sent us most, of course.

Here's one made by Doreen Levine of Kibbutz Amiad. "It's a large cake," she says humbly, so you have been warned.

#### Cheese Cake with Meringue

Base  
2 eggs, 1 cup sugar, 1 package margarine, 1 envelope baking powder, 2 1/2 cups flour.  
Mix margarine and sugar, add eggs, then flour and baking powder. Spread on bottom and sides of a tin lined with paper.

Filling  
1 kilo white fat cheese, 8 eggs, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons vanilla pudding or 2 tablespoons cornflour mixed with milk.

Separate eggs and put whites aside. Put cheese in bowl with 1/2 of sugar, 2 egg yolks. Mix together, add the other yolks one at a time, alternating with the milk. Put cheese into the base and bake at about 350° for about 35 to 45 minutes.

#### Meringue

Beat egg whites, then add sugar. Beat again and add juice of 1/4 a lemon. Put meringue on cake and brown in oven. When brown, leave oven door open to cool it a little to stop meringue from hopping.

Of the many non-hake cheesecakes, we chose one submitted by Paesy Krausz of Jerusalem. The recipe was given to her by her husband's late cousin Jean Kramer, who came to Israel as a young girl, fought in the War of Independence, studied at the Hebrew University and settled in Kibbutz Lavita.

#### No-hake Cheese Cake

Base  
2 cups crushed biscuit crumbs, 1 package unsalted margarine, 1 teaspoon cinnamon.  
Mix well and press into bottom and sides of large (about 35 cm.) round baking tin.

Filling  
2 tubs 8 per cent white cheese, 1 package pineapple or lemon jelly, 1 cup boiling water, 1 cup sugar.

Dissolve jelly in boiling water, add sugar and stir in cheese. Gently pour cheese mixture into pan and allow to set for about one hour in the refrigerator.

David Young of Arad sent us a recipe for savoury cheese puffs which, he assures us, are simple to make. He suggests making a double recipe and freezing the leftovers, reheating them later in a hot oven.



Cheese Puffs

1 packet margarine, 1 package non-fat white cheese, 1 cup sharp yellow cheese such as Kashkeval or Golan, 1 package self-raising flour, 1 egg, 1 container sour cream, large pinch of salt and a dash of pepper. Mix the ingredients in the order given. Press into pan, bake at high temperature for 10 mins. 2 tubs of white cheese (no. 9), 1 cup of sweet cream (parve), 1/3 milk juice (not fresh juice), 1 pkg vanilla sugar.  
Beat cream cheese till fluffy, blend in sweet cream, add lemon juice and vanilla and stir.  
Line pie crust with slices of banana. Pour cheese mixture over. Refrigerate for 2 to 5 hours.

Shoshana Mallnas of Kiryat Anan says she has a family of six children and they and her friends consider her a pretty good cook. Of three cheese recipes she sent us, we are printing her Banana Cream Pie — something a bit different from Shavuot.

#### Banana Cream Pie

Pastry  
250 grams of Petit Beurre biscuits, crushed, 1/4 stick of melted margarine, teaspoon cinnamon. Mix together. Press into pan, bake at high temperature for 10 mins.

2 tubs of white cheese (no. 9), 1 cup of sweet cream (parve), 1/3 milk juice (not fresh juice), 1 pkg vanilla sugar.

Beat cream cheese till fluffy, blend in sweet cream, add lemon juice and vanilla and stir.

Line pie crust with slices of banana. Pour cheese mixture over. Refrigerate for 2 to 5 hours.



Mrs. Leon Tucker of Netanya is a new immigrant from the U.S. where she says her cheese patties are a favourite lunchtime treat for school children.

#### Cheese Patties

3 tablespoons unsalted margarine, 1 tablespoon chopped green pepper, 1 tablespoon chopped onion, 5 cups cooked rice, 1 1/2 cups grated yellow cheese, 1 tablespoon pickled gamba, 1 beaten egg, 1/4 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper, fine bread crumbs.  
Melt margarine in top of double boiler (or saucepan held over larger pot of boiling water), add green pepper and onion, simmer for minutes and add rice, cheese and gamba. Continue to heat, stirring constantly, until cheese is melted. Remove from heat and add egg, salt and pepper. Allow to cool and form about 12 patties. Dip the patties in breadcrumbs and fry in margarine until golden brown. Serve with creamed vegetables.

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## Threat to TV and radio

THE NEWLY appointed director-general of the Broadcasting Authority, Yosef Lapid, has been busy throwing his weight around in a clear attempt to establish himself as unchallenged boss of his domain.

He has demonstratively barred a TV show interviewer and radio talk show host, Ya'acov Agmon, from the air; he has decided not to renew the contract of the head of Hebrew programming, Mordechai Kirshenbaum, when it came up for renewal; he has issued a barely veiled reprimand to popular "Nearly Midnight" news broadcaster Yitzhak Roeh; and he has even tangled with the fair-haired boy of the TV news department, Haim Yavin.

In the process, he has succeeded in alienating and frightening many of the news and programming staffers into believing that they are being subjected to a politically inspired purge. Lapid has thus corroborated, in the minds of many others, the original suspicion that accompanied his appointment, namely that he was intended as a Likud-inspired hatchet man whose mandate was first and foremost the clearing out of the reputed "leftists" who supposedly had taken control of the Broadcasting House over the years.

In his defence, Lapid and his political supporters in the Authority note correctly that he has kept fully within the bounds of his legal powers in all the recent changes he has instituted. There is no doubt that Lapid has acted with legal correctness; it is eminently debatable, however, whether he has also acted wisely.

There is no "leftist mafia" in Broadcasting House. There has been managerial sloth and even anarchy and a singular failure to attract, encourage and retain creative talent.

Lapid's insistence on continuing the exercise of his formal powers to fire and reprimand may well be boosting, undermining his own moral authority and driving away much of whatever talent there is.

The new director-general will need every ally he can win in Broadcasting House and in the wider public to carry out the real cleaning job that has to be done in the broadcasting services as evinced by his run-in with the technicians. His initial efforts, and his succumbing to his penchant for personal vendetta, as in the case of Agmon, can only weaken him in his future battles.

Lapid was clearly a politically inspired appointment, despite his limited experience in broadcasting. He was chosen for the job because of his unabashed right-wing political views and his critical lambasting of the mayor of radio and television broadcasts in his columns in "Ma'ariv."

It would be highly unusual in Israel to expect anyone of the stature suitable for a job such as Lapid's to have no record of clearly held political views. In addition, responsibility for the politicized nature of the Broadcasting Authority lies clearly with previous Labour governments which created it in its present image.

Admittedly, the Labour barons at the time never dreamed that they would ever lose their hold on the reins of power. The Labour Party and the Mapam contingent in the Alignment, whose Haimke Grossman tabled a motion for the agenda against Lapid in the Knesset last week, would do well to look into their own records before they yell "politicization."

But it is also undeniable that freedom of expression, and especially freedom from restraint by politicians, has made significant progress in TV and especially in radio over the years.

There is a manifest danger that some of the political paranoids in the present ruling coalition are intent on turning back the pages to the darker days of Labour's attempts at censorship and political control of the electronic media. This suspicion would seem to be borne out especially when one considers the views of the La'am and National Religious Party representatives on the Authority's management committee.

It is essential that such trends be combatted from the outset. Ideally, this should be done without unduly undermining the authority and power of the director-general in bringing about more effective management of radio and television.

There is a danger that Lapid's unbalanced emphasis on establishing his own authority, with an iron fist and as rapidly and unequivocally as possible, will both prejudice the degree of hard-won freedom of expression in the media and undermine his own ability to develop the team work without which his efforts at reform will prove futile.

## READERS' LETTERS

### COMPULSORY ARBITRATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — After reading the Histadrut's advertisement in your issue of April 30, I thought it was quite ironic that phrases like "peace has been achieved thanks to our enhanced strength, intensified social equality and renewed ally and absorption of new immigrants" and "long live the State of Israel" should be contained in a proclamation of the Histadrut.

I would like to point out that: 1. While the first non-Labour government at Israel's helm was conducting the peace negotiations, the Histadrut was conducting various strikes, thereby placing a thorn deep in the government's side and hindering its efforts.

2. The strikes, sanctions, lock-outs and all the other weapons of the Histadrut serve to deter a prospective immigrant rather than encourage him. Which prospective immigrant needs the added worry of not knowing how long his luggage will take to arrive, while the processors are on strike, or not being able to receive post or information while the postal strike is on, or not being able to send his children to school while the teachers strike? Strikes ultimately result in undermining the state internally and destroying an already shaky economy.

I fully agree that every Israeli worker needs protection, but not if that protection is given to the detriment of the State. Does this protection have to come through a strike? Cannot the trade union leaders and the minister or manager concerned settle the dispute under the auspices of a judicial arbitrator, thereby eliminating wasted man hours and unnecessary loss of money, among other things?

DOV AMOILS

Jerusalem.

### SMOKING ON BUSES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — For the past few weeks, I have been travelling twice daily on the Haifa-Tiberias No. 431 bus. Written clearly on the front of each bus are the words: "Smoking Forbidden." I believe that this only applies to the front portion of the bus, but it is not specified.

In any event, it would appear that, in Israel, rules are not only made to be broken, but to be flagrantly flouted. I have yet to make one journey without being compelled either to inhale filthy smoke, or to freeze, having opened every available window, very often to the annoyance of fellow travellers.

What people do to their own health by contaminating their lungs in this way is their own business, but I fail to understand why I should be forced to wage a lone war on each of my journeys for the sake of my own health.

Since more often than not the drivers themselves are non-top smokers, and the police force seems incapable of exerting any authority — or perhaps lack the will to — I feel that only a strong campaign fought by a strong body of like-minded people, will have any chance whatsoever of overcoming this dreadful problem. In England, for instance, smoking is allowed only upstairs on buses, and should one wish to smoke and the upper portion is full, the alternatives are either not to smoke, or to take the next bus. Should this rule be enforced in Israel, as far as the front portion of the bus is concerned, by a less lethargic police force and public, the lives and health of travellers would be greatly improved. (It might also not be a bad idea to forbid smoking in food shops and restaurants, a law which is in practice in most civilized countries.)

I would be most grateful to bear from anyone and everyone who feels as I do, and perhaps with the full force of an avalanche of letters falling at the feet of the Ministry of Health and/or Police Department, something might eventually be achieved.

(MRS.) M. HARRIS

Hodayat, Lower Galilee.

### WRONG CAPTION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Martin Sleff's article about "The new super-heroes" (May 11) was accompanied by a picture with the caption: "The powerfully appealing invincible Hulk."

This is a mistake. It is the "Thing" (Ben Grimm) from the Fantastic Four.

PHILLIP COOPER

(Age 14)

Belt Ha'Emek.

### WORK ACCIDENTS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your article of May 9 entitled "Courts lenient in work mishap cases," you quote Mr. Shaul Ben-Simon as saying that, in 1977, only 11 charge-sheets involving work accidents were presented to the courts. This is incorrect. For the year 1977, the number of relevant charge sheets were 610.

ABRAHAM MELBOOM,

Chief Inspector of Labour

Ministry of Labour

and Social Affairs

Jerusalem.

NOW THAT THE peace process and accompanying carnival have become yesterday's news, the time has come for the country to redirect its attentions to some of the more pressing challenges at hand — such as finally trying to capture Buzaglio.

Buzaglio, you may recall, was one of the eight convicts who indulged themselves one bright day in an impromptu vacation from Ramle Prison. Seven of the escapees were apprehended with relative speed but one of the original cast — Buzaglio — has succeeded so far in confounding his pursuers. The fact that this man is still at large though wanted for a multitude of heinous crimes including murder, rape and selling low protein falafel next to a parking meter, has done little to instill public confidence in the country's law-enforcement agencies. The inability of the police to apprehend this man is in fact particularly puzzling when contrasted — for example — with their relative efficiency in repeatedly misdirecting rush-hour traffic.

Using my long list of underworld contacts, I finally succeeded in reaching Buzaglio over the phone. He had been watching the reruns of the bomb-squad ads on television and sounded somewhat annoyed at me for having interrupted. However, he soon warmed to the conversation after having received assurances that the gist of our talk would be appearing in a newspaper. "Ask me anything you like," he told me.

Buzaglio told me that he had escaped because life in prison had been no picnic and he was not sorry to have gotten away from it all. Buzaglio claimed, however, that the real reason for his escape had been the new crop of prisoners recently admitted to the jail. As he explained it, the prison had previously been occupied by fellow murderers, rapists and sadists; "You know — the kind of fellows you'd want your mother-in-law to meet in a dark alley." The new prisoners were of an entirely different kind. "They were all somehow connected to politics," he said. "Former Knesset members or potential Knesset members."

Then there were the Gush Emunim demonstrators who were arrested right before President Carter's recent visit to Israel. "I didn't get a decent night's sleep after that," he complained. "Every night they would sing 'Estikva' until midnight and then one of them would give a lecture on the legitimate Jewish claim to Judea, Samaria and West Flatbush."

Buzaglio had simply been unable to cope with all the politics. "I mean, just because I'm a crook that doesn't mean that I'm also a politician," he said.

ACTUALLY, Buzaglio has a point. It seems as if the past year has witnessed a disturbing number of government attempts to suppress activities which could only doubtfully be described as "criminal." Buzaglio's illustration of the police arrest and harassment of Gush Emunim members, prior to President Carter's recent visit to Israel, serves as a good case in point. Regardless of one's personal

YA'ACOV GROSS is concerned about some instances of legitimate acts of free expression being confused by the state with criminal behaviour.

## Still looking for Buzaglio



feelings for the Gush and the views they represent, the fact remains that these people were being arrested or intimidated for their dissenting political views — before these views were even publicly expressed. What was particularly frightening was the relative publicity given to these arrests — demonstrating that the police felt sufficiently secure in their actions to boost before the press of a "job well done."

Buzaglio's complaint is reminiscent of one that I have heard very often — that while Israel is certainly a democracy, it is a stern autocratic democracy rather than an open, liberal one. An autocratic democracy is characterized by the fundamentalism of its governmental agencies, with the law's written word being strictly adhered to — for the written word of the law normally grants the authorities the greatest powers.

In a liberal democracy, however, the authorities act on a principle of self-restraint, conscious that the un-inscribed spirit of the law often demands non-intervention in the affairs of the legal citizenry. In Israel, the authorities not only commonly show a regrettable lack of self-

restraint but often attempt to extend their authority to an even broader scope.

For example, during President Carter's visit, the police refused to grant any demonstration permits for the entire city of Jerusalem. The police were certainly authorized by law to act in this manner and certain security considerations unquestionably had to be taken into account. However, the police should also have realized that the function of a democracy is not merely to provide a habitat for free expression but rather to actively create opportunities for its exercise. Freedom of speech which can only be exercised "when circumstances allow" is really no freedom at all.

If Government ministers are accorded an opportunity of paying a visiting President their respects then demonstrators should be accorded an equal opportunity for paying their disrespects. If Palestinian students are allowed to demonstrate noisily outside the White House gates during the peace treaty ceremony then Jewish protestors should be allowed to demonstrate outside the Knesset gates during the peace treaty negotiations.

For a certain time it was convenient to dismiss the authorities' excesses as being merely symptomatic of Israel's security situation — but this is no longer a satisfactory excuse. True, even the most exacting civil libertarian would agree that extraordinary security situations necessarily grant the authorities a certain amount of extraordinary licence. The scope of that licence, however, must be understood exactly: Security problems justify security measures, and the licence granted to the authorities should apply to the adoption of security measures alone. The suppression of spontaneous public protest can hardly be justified on grounds of "security" unless one accepts the nightmarish presumption that free expression presents a *prima facie* threat to security. Such a presumption, of course, is diametrically opposed to every principle cherished by any democratic institution.

And yet, the security situation has undeniably left a manifest imprint on Israel's democracy. The traditional view of the average Israeli — including the Israeli government — has always been that all extrinsic threats and challenges to the country must be met by a "united front" of public opinion — regardless of whether public opinion is, in fact, united on the specific issue. The government, in fact, does little to conceal its displeasure with acts of public non-conformity.

I well recall for example the ominous mutterings in government offices at the time of the first "Peace Now" demonstrations. Terms such as "betrayal" and "traitor" were bandied about rather loosely at that time, which, I am sure, many people have good cause to regret today. The fact is, of course, that the "Peace Now" demonstrations — like the Gush Emunim demonstrations — were legitimate acts of free expression, unpopular perhaps with some of the local public, but certainly neither criminal in character, nor politically taboo.

EVER SINCE the signing of the peace treaty with Egypt, there has been talk of the need to re-examine certain aspects of the country's performance with an eye to improvement in the future. This talk invariably centres around the need to improve economic performances.

However, just in case there happens to be someone in the etherial reaches of government who is actually compiling a list of "things to do," I'd like to suggest that the time has come for the country also to re-examine the quality of its much cherished democracy. Democracy in Israel should not be a process of compelling conformity on public opinions. Democracy in Israel should certainly not lead to a state of affairs where men of principle are equated in the eyes of the law with men of crime.

Who knows? After such a reassessment, Mr. Buzaglio might even agree to return home to a less crowded and more "politically" homogeneous Ramle Prison.

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## POSTSCRIPTS

MOSCOW'S buildings are on the move, AP reports. Using a 16th century Italian method, the Russians are reorganizing the city centre by rolling their historic buildings to and fro.

A new city department, formed especially to handle the moves, has just completed its first project: the 34-metre move of the "Trud" newspaper building along the city's main avenue, Gorky Street, in sight of the Kremlin. It was the first of some 40 planned relocations for buildings.

Travelling a few metres at a time, at a speed of about one metre an hour, the 10,000-ton building drew large crowds as it shifted almost imperceptibly down the street.

The movement, along eight pairs of specially laid iron rails, was so hard to notice that construction men demonstrated it to reporters by placing a matchbox on a rail to see it slowly crushed by one of the scores of iron rollers.

The "Trud" building, built at the turn of the century with scroll-like cornices at its corners, was reinforced with steel bars for the move, and it appears to have arrived at its destination intact but for some broken glass.

The cellar was left behind.

AFTER DECADES of effort, scientists finally have synthesized the stimulant of the female American cockroach, thus opening a new avenue for control of the city dweller's nemesis, according to a report in a recent issue of "Chemical & Engineering News," a weekly publication of the American Chemical Society.

Marshalling no less than 75,000 virgin female cockroaches, Dr. C.J. Persoons of Centraal Laboratorium TNO, Delft, The Netherlands, isolated a scant 200-millionths of a gram of the sex pheromone called periplanone B. The coordinated efforts of three other research groups led to proof of the excitant's chemical makeup, to its synthesis, and to the demonstration that an incredible 100 femtograms (13 zeroes followed by a one) of material suffice to arouse a male cockroach, the newsmagazine says.

"Successful synthesis means that investigations now can be conducted on possible uses of periplanone B to confuse (cockroach) males to prevent them from mating or to trap males for studies of cockroach infestations," C&EN reports.

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